

Letters to the Editor

On China Studies

In his column "China Studies" of March 18, Joseph Kraft made the astonishing statement that "it is probably fair to say that only three universities — Harvard, Columbia and Michigan — have comprehensive China programs."

Not fair at all. Mr. Kraft did not do his homework before writing his piece. In the first place he is greatly mistaken in claiming that in this country only three universities have comprehensive China programs; in the second place there are universities which have a better China program than at least one of those he mentions.

Mr. Kraft could have obtained correct information as to the facilities for training new China hands from the Office of Education (National Defense Education) or the External Research Division of the Department of State. Indeed, right under his very nose, here in Washington, the Institute for Sino-Soviet Studies of the George Washington University has a comprehensive, inter-disciplinary training program in both the social sciences and the Chinese Mandarin language. He also could have found out that this Institute cooperates closely with American University's School of International Service.

Between them, they make available one of the strongest China-Asia programs of the country. Among the outstanding China scholars connected with this program are Professors Franz Michael, Harold Hinton and Tso-liang Hsiao of GW and Michael Lindsey, Ralph Powell and Shelley Cheng of AU.

Mr. Kraft also totally disregards the well established China programs of the University of California, Berkeley; the University of Washington; Stanford University with the Hoover Institution, and such training centers as Yale University, the University of Kansas and quite a few others.

I do not believe that there exist anywhere in the world such a variety of training facilities in the China field as in the United States.

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